

11 2. (Amended) A network management system according to Claim 1, said auto-discovery unit configured to automatically make said determination of said presence of said configurable components and propagate said configuration information to said others of said plurality of telephony devices at predetermined intervals.

A2 4. (Amended) A network management system according to Claim 1, said plurality of telephony devices including responder units, said responder units configured to provide said configuration information to said auto-discovery unit and to receive updated configuration information from said auto-discovery unit.

A3 10. (Amended) A method for managing a network including a plurality of telephony devices, comprising:  
automatically determining the presence of configurable components associated with said plurality of telephony devices;  
receiving configuration information from said plurality of telephony devices;  
automatically propagating said configuration information to others of said plurality of telephony devices at predetermined intervals; and  
displaying a map of said configurable components.